

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 AT 9:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE and PRAYER – Mike Ellis

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Steve McConnell, Morgan Insurance Group, was present to discuss the insurance renewal for the county. The insurance expires at the end of May and insurance rates have increased drastically. The loss ratio is 196% for Indiana Insurance (property) and 109% for Travelers (liability) for the last five years. Mr. McConnell handed out binders containing the insurance renewal information and stated that there are some options for the county. Indiana Insurance was the only company willing to give a quote on property and equipment, but they want an increased deductible. There are only six companies in the area that will insure municipalities and provide the coverage needed. The changes are as follows: the current deductible is \$2,500 and will increase to \$10,000, and the \$25,000 of flood insurance for properties will be discontinued. The renewal premium is \$715,548 compared to the current premium of \$510,067. The premium for flood insurance at the Highway Department is \$1,631 (Zone A) and \$18,349 for the Administration Building and the Sheriff's Department (Zone C). The Board asked Mr. McConnell to return for the next meeting, after they had time to review the changes.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Jeff Neal, Morgan County EMA Director, was present to discuss an emergency notification system. Mr. Neal stated that the 911 Committee has looked into obtaining this type of system for several years, but has not made the commitment until now. The committee met in April and voted to move forward in obtaining a system. Mr. Neal stated that approximately a month ago, there were several tornados that moved through Texas and no lives were lost because they had a notification system that contacted 350,000 people in 15 minutes. Mr. Neal stated that this would be a great benefit to the county. The system can be used to notify residents of severe weather situations as well as contacting responders, volunteers, highway department employees, etc. The cost for the first year is \$20,494 (which includes training and set up fees) and reduces to \$17,600 for the next four years. Citizens can choose how they prefer to be notified, land line, cell phone, email, or text, by signing up for the system. Mr. Neal asked for approval of the service agreement pending Council approval of the quote. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement pending Council approval of the quote. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING**

Joe McDonough, American Legal Publishing, stated that he has been speaking with Don Adams regarding codifying the ordinances. He sent two proposals last fall, one to codify the general ordinances, and one proposal for the land use ordinances. Mr. McDonough had examples of books that were done for Davies and Henry Counties. They would take all the ordinances that the county has and compare them to the minute books to make sure they have everything and organize them by subject matter. They would also have their legal staff review them for conflicts with Indiana Code, between ordinances, for outdated fees and fines, and provide a research report. The final version of the book could be made available on disc. Pete Foley asked how updates would be done. Mr. McDonough stated that they suggest the book be updated on an annual basis. They would then create new pages for the book. The cost for the general ordinances is \$8,400 and the land use portion is \$9,775. This cost can be spread over two budget years. Mr. Adams stated that he would be interested in making the ordinances available over the web. Mr. McDonough stated that there would be an additional \$575 or \$595 cost to create the program and links for this. Pete Foley stated that he thought this would be valuable for the county. State statutes require that the county keep an ordinance book, but it is not easy to search. This will also cut down on calls to the office requesting copies of ordinances. The annual updating cost would be approximately \$1,000. Brian Goss stated that he would like to look over the proposal and decide at the next meeting.

**ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT** – Highway Dept.

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, reviewed the Annual Operational Report. The total MVH Fund receipts were \$2,430,806.36; Local Road & Street, \$1,228,120.48; Cumulative Bridge, \$553,984.59; and other funds \$1,314,796.03. Total disbursements were \$5,621,431.47. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **NO PARKING ORDINANCE – Jackson Street**

Don Adams stated that he has received a complaint from the safety director at North Madison School regarding parking on Jackson Street in the Waverly Addition. The street is next to the school and for the safety of the children; the school has asked that parking not be allowed on both sides of the street from Hadley Road to Buddy Lane. Don Adams made a motion to approve an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking Within Three (3) Feet of the Roadway Along Jackson Street on first reading. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **FARM PROPERTY LEASES**

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Planning Commission Director, stated that he received seven quotes for the lease of farm property that was purchased through the FEMA grant. Mr. Hale stated that there are six properties, three locations; State Road 44 with two properties, one on Lower Patton, and four on Lingle Road. Mr. Hale opened quotes as follows:

#### **2920 Lower Patton Park Road**

Lankford Farms Inc.	\$ 50 per year for three years
Randy Pruitt	\$105 per year for three years
Tom Schoolcraft	\$ 85 per year for three years

#### **7609 – 7805 State Road 44**

Tom Carter	\$200 per year for three years
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#### **4244 S Lingle Road**

Cragen Farms	\$400 per year for three years
Brent Samples	\$500 per year for three years

#### **4005 S Lingle Road**

Cragen Farms	\$229 per year for three years
Brent Samples	\$180 per year for three years

#### **3695 S Lingle Road**

Cragen Farms	\$260 per year for three years
Brent Samples	\$200 per year for three years

Mr. Hale stated that this is a cash lease up front. The SR 44 properties are for hay crops only and the other properties will have row crops. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the bids for the highest bidders; Randy Pruitt \$105 for 2929 Lower Patton Park, Tom Carter \$200 for 7609-7805 SR 44, Brent Samples \$500 for 4244 S Lingle Road, Cragen Farms \$229 for 4005 S Lingle Road, and Cragen \$260 for 3995 S Lingle Road. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the monthly claims totaling \$872,491.09. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REQUESTS TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Square for the Noon Lions Club fish fry on Saturday, June 2 and a Songfest by the Apostolic Faith Church on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **INCIDENT CLAIM / TORT CLAIM**

Brian Goss made a motion to send the Fox tort claim to the insurance company. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SHERIFF / JAIL UPDATE**

Sheriff Robert Downey reported that there are 271 inmates at the jail; 210 males and 61 females. Ten inmates are on work release, 8 males and 2 females, and 21 inmates are on the jail corrections crew, 19 males and 2 females. There are 15 DOC inmates, 15 males and no females. There were 557 calls for service for April, 3,200 for the year. There were 5,195 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) calls. These are calls that are other than law enforcement calls, such as fire, EMS, and checking stranded motorists.

**HIGHWAY / ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith stated that crews are mowing ditches, pouring shoulders, doing ditch work, and cutting brush.

Mr. Smith held a meeting with the consultant for the sign project and they have proposed some changes. There are two intersections in each district that need an additional stop sign on the other side of the road.

INDOT approved the LPA agreement and the county can now give notice to the consultant to proceed with engineering work on Bridge #44 on Peavine Road.

**COMMENTS**

Gerry McGrath stated that the codification of the ordinances would be very helpful and asked if they could paint a stop bar on the street rather than put up an additional sign.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Goss

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Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams